



THE CRAWFORD FUND IN TASMANIA

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About the Crawford Fund

The Crawford Fund is an Australian not-for-profit organisation that has been working since 1987 to support and help improve agriculture in developing countries. In contrast to other groups working on agricultural technologies, our role is to arrange specialist training activities using Australian experts, and to raise awareness of how Australian agricultural research in developing countries benefits not only the host country but also Australia.

The Fund is named after Sir John Crawford, an eminent Australian who was pivotal in Australia's post-war growth. The Fund embraces his belief that using agricultural research to alleviate hunger and rural poverty in developing countries can also give them the keys to economic progress, regional stability and sustainability. This is the win-win proposition in the expression 'doing well by doing good'.

The Crawford Fund operates nationally through its State and Territory Committees, which are serviced by a small central office. Committee members are volunteers who have strong experience in farming, agricultural research, policy and academia. The committees select and support the training proposals of relevance for their jurisdiction.

Overall our activities receive around \$1.6M/ year in funding, from Federal, State and Territory governments, the private sector and individual donors. The Fund directs almost all of its funding to on-ground activities; national and state directors provide their time gratis; and, operating costs are kept to a minimum.

We invite you to partner with us

We invite your organisation to share in the benefits that flow from the way the Crawford Fund 'does well by doing good' in developing agricultural productivity. By partnering with the Fund you can help us build capacity to secure food production in developing countries and the world.

Initiatives that make food production more efficient and that share knowledge, technologies and ideas can improve trade by assisting farmers in developing countries and open new opportunities.

We always welcome new partners and sponsors. You can work with us as funders, trainers or participants. The wider the network of skills the Fund provides from Tasmania, the greater the pool of knowledge and ideas we can share.

As sponsors, partners and donors to the Fund's programs you gain - both directly and indirectly, by association and through new contacts and work. Donors also benefit through our 'deductible gift recipient' status.



Women workers cutting small fish supplied by local fishermen in Myanmar.

The Crawford Fund in Tasmania

The Tasmanian program was established in 2011 and places emphasis on training in areas that have particular relevance to Tasmanian agriculture, including forestry and fisheries. Scholarships encourage young Tasmanians towards a career in international development.

The Tasmanian Committee Chairman is Mr Dick Warner, husband of Governor Kate Warner, and formerly in horticulture and agribusiness. The Coordinator is Dr Neville Mendham, agronomist, farmer and Associate at the University of Tasmania.

The following provides an overview of the activities that industry or NGO partners could be involved in to build agricultural research linkages between Tasmania and the developing world.

The Annual Parliamentary Conference

While we have public events, seminars and panel presentations around Australia, the Crawford Fund's highest profile activity is its annual conference which has been held for over 25 years in Parliament House, Canberra. As Australia's key food security event, it involves esteemed international and Australian speakers to focus national attention on issues associated with world food security. The last conference focused on food loss and waste and highlighted innovations from Australia and the developing world.

Please let us know if you'd like more information on the range of sponsorship packages and benefits for this popular annual event.



Tasmania's 2016 Conference Scholars with Dr Neville Mendham.

Encouraging Young Australians in International Agricultural Development

An important element of our conference is our efforts to encourage young people's interest in study, careers and volunteering around agriculture for development.

Our **conference scholarships support young Australians** to the event, with an additional mentoring program and interaction with influential researchers, educators and volunteer agencies. We now have a number of passionate, committed scholars like those in the photo opposite.

One example is Lydia Turner, who was a scholar in 2014. She is based at the Tasmanian Institute of Agriculture Dairy Centre, and has been working on an ACIAR project to develop productive and profitable smallholder beef enterprises in Vietnam. She is studying how farmers acquire knowledge, make decisions and adopt changes, like they do in Australia but with important cultural and economic differences. She hopes to extend the work to dairy, in Vietnam or elsewhere.

Our partnership with Researchers in Agriculture for International Development (RAID), which is now hosted by the the Fund, adds more depth to these efforts. RAID aims to be an active network of motivated researchers who enhance each other's career by sharing knowledge and opportunities related to agricultural research for international development.



Lydia Turner working with dairy calves.

There is tremendous synergy between the Fund's scholars, travel awardees and volunteers and RAID. For example in Tasmania, Miriam McCormack travelled to Vietnam for her honours field work in 2015, and is now an Intern at ACIAR, starting her career in international development.



Miriam McCormack interviewing farmers in the field.

Training of Agricultural Scientists

The Crawford Fund's training program has touched over 10,000 developing country agricultural scientists, extension staff and farmers in a diverse range of topics. Our flagship training initiative is for mid- or senior level agricultural specialists under a '**Master Class**' training program. We use our significant Australian and international networks to develop intensive training in partnership with other Australian and international research, government, industry and academic agencies.

Participants at the Fisheries Master Class in Indonesia.



To date, around 50 Master Classes have been held for over 1000 people in countries across the Asia-Pacific and Africa, and in Australia.

Classes can consist of lectures, discussion sessions, video presentations, laboratory work and field visits. Skills covered include those relevant to the following areas: market access, biosecurity and food policy; sustaining agriculture's natural resource base; global change and risk assessment; science communication, and information technology and intellectual property.

A recent Master Class in Indonesia was supported by the Tasmanian and Western Australian committees. Indonesia's marine and freshwater fisheries are amongst the most productive in the world, but insufficient data on catches poses significant challenges for fisheries management.

As some fisheries include shared stocks with Australia (e.g. southern bluefin tuna), good management is vital for both countries. The Master Class focused on training in methods of assessing "data poor fisheries", to assist Indonesia in achieving improved fisheries management.

Craig Proctor of CSIRO Oceans and Atmosphere in Hobart was a co-organiser of this Master Class and was previously supported by the Crawford Fund to run a fish ageing training workshop for scientists from Indonesia's marine and freshwater research institutes.

A second approach is our **short-term training** of early career agricultural scientists. In this program, Australian specialists and institutions are involved in training individuals or small groups either in Australia or overseas.



Muse Opiang, a participant in one of the soils and biodiversity courses in PNG with a long-beaked echidna.

For example, the Tasmanian Forest Practices Authority has been supported to run capacity-building courses in Papua New Guinea on management of soils and biodiversity, just as vital in a tropical country as in Australia.

One of the PNG scientists, Muse Opiang, then spent some months in Hobart developing posters and guidelines for forest managers, which he and FPA staff have since helped to implement back in PNG.

The Crawford Fund Board

The Chair of the Board of Directors is The Hon John Anderson AO, Former Deputy Prime Minister and Leader of the National Party. Previous Chairs have included The Hons John Kerin AM, Neil Andrew AO and Tim Fischer AC.

More information

If you need more convincing, we can provide a range of additional background and materials, or you may like to check us out through:

Web: www.crawfordfund.org

Tasmania web: www.crawfordfund.org/training/state-programs/tasmanian-committee/

YouTube: www.youtube.com/user/CrawfordFund/videos

Twitter: [@crawfordfund](https://twitter.com/crawfordfund)

Facebook: www.facebook.com/pages/Young-CrawfordFundScholars/566147466853422

Our partnerships with industry lead to the development of more experienced, well-rounded scientists, who become more valuable and capable employees.

We look forward to you partnering with us

With willing and continuing support, we can do more to bring reciprocal benefits to our Australian and developing country partners.

Benefits come from training, not only in courses but also through opportunities for active work on projects in relevant disciplines on-ground overseas.

These build invaluable experience that later enhance the recipient's own workplace on his or her return to Australia.

Training and mentoring therefore helps Tasmania and local industries, as well as Australia and the developing countries involved.

To find out more, specific to your situation, about partnering with us, or to sponsor a young scientist from Tasmania please contact:

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